

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Old Crain Highway Neighborhood Historic District Inventory Number: PG:79-83
Address: _____ Historic district: ☒ yes ☐ no
City: Upper Marlboro Zip Code 20772 County: Prince Georges
USGS Quadrangle(s): Upper Marlboro
Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: 101
Project: TEA-21 DOE Agency: Maryland Historical Trust
Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
Preparer's Name: Daniel Sams Date Prepared: 5/19/2004
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staf ☒ yes ☐ no Name: Daniel Sams Date: 2/10/2004

Description of Property and Justification *(Please attach map and photo)*

Upper Marlboro was founded in 1706 by an act of the Maryland General Assembly. Its site was chosen because of its location on the then-navigable western branch of the Patuxent River. 100 acres were selected for Upper Marlboro and divided into 100 equal lots. The town became an immediate success as it was a good location for trade. In 1718 the inhabitant of Upper Marlboro petitioned the General Assembly to have the courthouse moved from Charlestown. The justices met there for the first time in 1721 marking the beginning of the town's long service as the seat of Prince George's County. The town continued to grow and expand during the 18th century. The names of many of the properties surveyed and included in this district are those of persons important to the history of the town. The 20th century saw large portions of the downtown main street area eroded by demolition and the construction of monolithic county government buildings. The Old Crain Highway Neighborhood Historic District is, however, a mostly intact grouping of early to mid nineteenth century houses concentrated around the juncture of Old Crain Highway and Old Marlboro Pike. The district also includes Trinity Church. At the juncture of the defining roads stands the Old Crain Highway Monument, a 20th century obelisk-like structure; and opposing it are large tracts of open space which contribute to the district's rural, yet dense character.

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MHT Comments:

Daniel Sams
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Peter Kurtze
Reviewer, National Register Program

Monday, June 21, 2004

Date

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

Date

Contributing & Noncontributing Resources

District Name: Old Crain Highway Neighborhood District

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Address	Contributing Resource?	Map	Parcel	Block	Lot	Inventory No.
	Contributing	0101	0053			
	Contributing	0101	0056			
	Noncontributing	0101	0200			
	Contributing	0101	0210			
14500 CHURCH ST	Contributing	0101	0090			
14501 CHURCH ST	Noncontributing	0101	0206			
14505 CHURCH ST	Contributing	0101	0207			
14509 CHURCH ST	Contributing	0101	0208			
14510 CHURCH ST	Contributing	0101	0185			
14514 CHURCH ST	Contributing	0101	0189			
14515 CHURCH ST	Contributing	0101	0209			
14519 CHURCH ST	Contributing	0101	0210			
14500 ELM ST	Contributing	0101	0148			
14504 ELM ST	Contributing	0101	0151			
14506 ELM ST	Contributing	0101	0236			
14507 ELM ST	Contributing	0101	0153			
14515 ELM ST	Contributing	0101	0159			
14519 ELM ST	Contributing	0101	0161			
14500 MAIN ST	Contributing	0101	0182			
14504 MAIN ST	Noncontributing	0101	0183			
5410 OLD CRAIN HWY	Noncontributing	0101	0205			
5412 OLD CRAIN HWY	Noncontributing	0101	0204			
5414 OLD CRAIN HWY	Noncontributing	0101	0203			
5415 OLD CRAIN HWY	Contributing	0101	0056			
5424 OLD CRAIN HWY	Contributing	0101	0202			
5428 OLD CRAIN HWY	Contributing	0101	0201			
5431 OLD CRAIN HWY	Contributing	0101	0054			
5436 OLD CRAIN HWY	Contributing	0101	0199			
14501 OLD CRAIN HWY	Contributing	0101	0184			
14455 TRINITY LANE	Noncontributing	0101	0181			

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Old Crain Highway Neighborhood Historic District
Prince George's County
Upper Marlboro Quadrangle

